



General Assembly

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**Proposed Bill No. 310**

LCO No. 2234



Referred to Committee on COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN

Introduced by:  
SEN. FASANO, 34th Dist.

**AN ACT STRENGTHENING CHILD FATALITY REVIEW  
PROCEDURES.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 That the general statutes be amended to (1) transfer authority for
- 2 conducting child fatality reviews upon the death of a child that has
- 3 had any past or present involvement with the Department of Children
- 4 and Families to the Office of the Child Advocate, (2) require the Office
- 5 of the Child Advocate to include in any review an assessment of all
- 6 internal Department of Children and Families processes with all staff
- 7 members that participated in any way in the child's case, (3) require
- 8 the Office of the Child Advocate to submit an annual report on
- 9 preventable child deaths and, within four weeks of submitting such
- 10 report, hold a public hearing in coordination with the Department of
- 11 Children and Families and the joint standing committee of the General
- 12 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to and (4) appropriate
- 13 funding for the Office of the Child Advocate in an amount sufficient to
- 14 hire staff to conduct such reviews.

***Statement of Purpose:***

To provide for an independent review of fatalities involving children with Department of Children and Families involvement, promote a more transparent review process and ensure a public discussion of findings and recommendations.